

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 34 with the following paragraph:

According to the third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the pair of substrates, first and second polarizers arranged on either side of the liquid crystal cell, a first retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the first polarizer, and a second retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the second polarizer. Each of the first and second retardation plates has an optical axis in a plane parallel to the surfaces of the substrates, and a retardation of substantially $\lambda/4$. The optical axis of the first retardation plate is perpendicular to the optical axis of the second retardation plate. The first and second polarizers have polarizing axes arranged at an angle of 45° with respect to the optical axes of the first and second retardation plates. The liquid crystal of the liquid crystal cell is of a vertical alignment type, the liquid crystal cell includes structures or slits arranged on or in an electrode of at least one of the substrates, and a state of alignment of the liquid crystal molecules located on one side of the structure or slit is different from a state of alignment of the liquid crystal molecules located on the other side of the structure or slit. A retardation in the plane of the retardation plate is not less than ~~$\pm 20\text{ }\mu\text{m}$~~ 120 nm and not more than ~~$\pm 60\text{ }\mu\text{m}$~~ 160 nm .